

## Focus Occupation: Dental Hygienists (29-2021)

Focus occupation: Dental Hygienists				
Employment and Growth		733/ 34.2%		
Ave. Monthly Wage		\$6,125		
Education/Experience		Associate degree		

Advance FROM Focus Occupation				
Occupation	Rung	Employment/ Growth	Education/Experience	Similarity
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (29-1022)	4	n/a	PHD	91
Orthodontists (29-1023)	3	n/a	PHD	89
Dentists, All Other Specialists (29-1029)	2	n/a	PHD	91
Dentists, General (29-1021)	2	175/ 25.0%	PHD	100
Prosthodontists (29-1024)	1	n/a	PHD	91

Advance TO Focus Occupation				
Occupation	Rung	Employment/ Growth	Education/Experience	Similarity
Dental Laboratory Technicians (51-9081)	-1	51/ 21.4%	HS	70
Dental Assistants (31-9091)	-2	1,342/ 33.4%	VOC	100
Healthcare Support Workers, All Other (31-9099)	-2	1,381/ 31.5%	HS	75

**Important note:** A worker does not necessarily have to traverse every rung to advance to or from the focus occupation. Occupations above and below the focus occupation are directly related to the focus occupation, but they are not necessarily directly related to each other. For example, actors and athletes are both related to agents of artists, performers, and athletes, but actors and athletes are not directly related to each other.

Analysis and development of the career lattice is by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section.

Data sources used for research and analysis: O\*NET (Occupation Information Network), Alaska Occupational Data Base (ODB), Standard Occupational Classification Manual, North American Industry Classification System manual, Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Employer Survey (OES) wage estimates.